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Où trouver les renseignements

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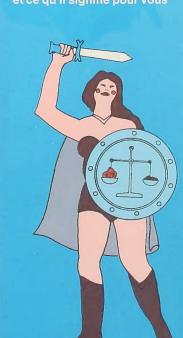
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C'est une nouvelle conception, trop "neuve" encore pour ligurer au dictionnaire. L'idée qui l'inspire se rapproche cependant de la vigitance de la cliente cherchant à découvrir si le pouce du marchand n'intervient pas dans la pesée de la marchandise, Le sens que l'expression a pris de nos jours est beaucoup plus large. C'est un mouvement visant à nous protèger tous cantre les catternes de la contraction de l'accept de la carte les catternes de la contraction de l'accept de la carte les catternes de la contraction de l'accept de la carte les catternes de l'accept de la carte les catternes de la carte les cartes les cart

Les yeux et les oreilles du public

- Il fut un temps, au Canada, où la population vivait selon ce qu'on pourrait appeler une "économie de village". On entend par là que notre univers était plus petit et que tous se connaissaient. Comme tout cela a changé! Avec la venue de la production et de la distribution massives, de la commercialisation et de la concurrence massives, les relations personnelles se trouvent réduites à peu de chose : Les nouvelles méthodes nous ont valu de nombreux progrès, mais il faut absolument de nouveaux moyens de contrôle, et la mise en œuvre de ces derniers dépasse les possibilités individuelles des citoyens.
- Le gowernement et les associations de citoyens jouent, à cet égard, un rôle essentiel. Il est vraiment indispensable de protéger le public contre la fraude et la malhonnéleté, contre les accidents et les dangers pour la santé. Les petits commerçants, aussi bien que les grandes entreprises, ont besoin d'être à l'abri d'une concurrence déloyale, et ce, dans l'intérêt du service destiné au public et de la santé de l'économie. De même, l'investisseur, l'emprunteur ou celui qui achète des marchandises dans une perspective d'investissement, ont besoin de protection, dans toute la mesure du possible, contre les pratiques trompeuses.
- Toutes ces obligations sont mieux remplies aujourd'hui que jamais auparavant. Le présent docu ment a pour but de vous fournir l'information essentielle, en vous indiquant où obtenir des renseignements supplémentaires







Consumerism

It's a new word. You probably won't find it in your dictionary. But its meaning is as old as the days when the cautious customer kept a sharp lookout to make sure that the storekeeper wasn't weighing his thumb on the scales. Today its meaning is much wider. It's a movement to protect all of us from unfair business practices.

- Once we in Canada lived in what has been called "a village economy". That meant that our world was smaller and everybody knew everybody else. It's certainly different today! With mass production, mass distribution, mass marketing, and mass competition, personal relationship is all but lost. The new ways have brought us many benefits, but there's a real need for controls that are beyond the power of
- That's where governments and consumer associations are playing an important role. There is real need to protect the public against fraud and deception, against accident and health hazards. The small business man and the large corporation alike need to be free from unfair competition if the public is to be served properly in a fair and orderly economy. So too, the individual who invests, borrows money or purchases goods on an investment plan must be defended, as much as possible, against
- All these challenges are being met today as never before. This little booklet is intended to provide you with some of the highlights, and to let you know where to look for further information.

Information Canada



Many organizations - public and private - working for you ... How many do you know about?

Against the modern menace

mind these days, particularly as consumers, and that is "Pollution". The need to clean up our air and water, our cities and our countryside, is now past denying. It is more than a question of beauty; our health and that of our children is deeply involved Although pollution is first and foremost a local problem, air and water flow across all boundaries. Hence ments for action. Much is being done at various levels but the need for coordination of effort is crucial. To fulfill this need the federal government introduced legislation that created the new Department of the Environment, which brings together existing anti-pollution programs of several depart-

Private agencies at work

Governments are not alone in their concern for the consumer. One important non-governmental body is the Canadian Consumer Council. The Council was set up in 1968 to give independent advice to the It is made up of citizens drawn from many walks of life including trade unions, consumer organizations, agriculture, manufacturing and service industries, retailing and so on. It studies consumer interests and publishes reports. In addition, there are a great many local groups across the country. Tenant associations are becoming popular; neighbourhood self-Nationally, the Consumers Association of Canada presenting well-researched briefs and participating zine for its members. Membership is open to individuals. Information may be obtained from the Association at 100 Gloucester Street, Ottawa Ontario, K2P OA4.

For further information

We have referred several times to Box 99, Ottawa Through letters addressed to "The Consumer" at this address, the federal government has learned a great deal about the real interests of the buying public. As part of the response, a series of Consu mer Communiqués has been published. These letters give information on a broad range of topics including advice on how to buy carpets, charter air flights, so-called "bargains", hearing aids, safe toys, care of fabrics, and a great many others. You can have your name added to the list to receive these letters by writing to the box number. If you have a problem as a consumer, and are not sure to what government or agency you should turn for help,

- This is a bird's-eye view of Consumerism today. It's really a matter of good housekeeping on a national scale. All of us are involved. The more interest each of us displays, the more effective will be the work of governments and private agencies in improving

Things that pass our lips

Let's talk first about the foods we eat and the drugs most of us require at one time or another. Here the Food and Drug Directorate of the Department of National Health and Welfare is responsible for administering two pieces of legislation: the Food and Drugs Act, and the Proprietary or Patent Medicine Act. The first prohibits the sale of harmful foods, drugs and cosmetics. The other is primarily con-cerned with home remedies; it watches over their This department also works to insure that narcotic drugs will be handled properly, by authorized people, and to combat illegal use and trafficking work constantly in the interest of the consumer

When it comes to the produce of our farms, both the federal and provincial governments act rigorously to protect the consumer. Such matters as the handling, slaughter and marketing of animals, and and processed foods are typical. Moreover, both levels of government operate extensive experimental farms and research programs. The Federal Department of Agriculture alone maintains 47 such estab lishments from coast to coast, and cooperates with provincial governments, international agencies, farm associations, agriculture industries and

De nombreux organismes, publics et privés, veillent sur vos



· You can receive direct help in buying food, budgeting, special diets, and the like through agencies and departments at all levels of government as well as community family service agencies and self-help consumer organizations.

Mistakes can be costly

Among other consumer protection measures is one regarding products which, unless used cautiously, may prove dangerous. The federal Hazardous Products Act now requires manufacturers of such items to use certain symbols to warn the custome You can get handbooks or wall cards showing these symbols by writing to "The Consumer", Box 99, Ottawa. Any product that is poisonous, flammable explosive or corrosive must carry a suitable device to warn the user. Other symbols have been created to guide the housewife in the care of clothing and other textile items. More and more manufacturers of children's clothing, too, are using the Canada Standard Size table of measurements to help parents select clothing that will really fit their young ones

Money matters

When it comes to matters of money, we're all consumers. We have certain rights, and it is important laws exist, though many people are still ignorant of the very ones that could help them most. When we charge something at a store, agree to pay in installments, or use credit cards, we have a right to know if it is costing us more, and if so how much. When we borrow money our need to know is more urgent, and if we get into financial difficulties our situation is acute. There are a great many laws, both federal and provincial, governing such matters. Among them, for example, are the Small Loans Act which regulates the cost of personal loans, the Bank Act which requires that the costs of borrowing from banks be made clear, the Bankruptcy Act which provides relief for consumers who are over-commi ted to debt payments, and the Combines Investigation Act which, among other things, prohibits false advertising. There are many others which, applied on your behalf, may affect your daily life. "The Consumer" Box 99, Ottawa, can direct you to the right federal or provincial agency if you have a problem in this area

Les organismes privés à l'oeuvre

Les gouvernements ne sont pas seuls à se soucier du teurs, créé en 1968 pour soumeltre des recomman-dations particulières au ministère de la Consomma

Pour renseignements

A plusieurs reprises, nous avons fait mention de l'adresse C.P. 99, Ottawa. Grâce à un courrier abon-dant, le gouvernement fédéral a beaucoup appris su

Aliments et médicaments

Les erreurs sont coûteuses

La question d'argent

Dès qu'il est question d'argent, nous sommes tous des consommateurs. Nous avons certains droits et il est important que des lois les protègent. Heureuse-

Contre le danger de l'heure